(d) The staff strength for these .offices as for all other Passport Offices is reviewed each year on the basis of yearly statistics of passport work and is re-allocated every financial yea'r.

The details of the staff strength in respect of the two offices is as under:

	Passport Office Cochin			Passport office Kozhikode		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
Group 'A' .	3	4	2	2	1	1
Group 'B' .	8	6	6	6	4	6
Group 'C' .	114	97	85	71	49	56
Group 'D' .	11+1 (Part-time)	11+1 (Part-time)	11+1 (Part-time)	6+1 (Part-time)	6+1 (Part-time)	6+1 (Part-time)

(e) No, Sir. Kerala has two fulfled-ged Passport Offices at Cochin and Kozhikode and one passport Liaison Office at Trivandrum, which meet the essential requirements of the people of the State in 'respect of passports.

The statistics indicated against item 'C of th$_e$ Question indicate clearly that the work in the Passport Offices in Kerala has gone down and thus there is no justification for increasing the number of passport Offices in Kerala.

Compensation to the families ofIndian Nationals killed/injured inIran-Iraq w»r

709. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) how many Indians were killed or injured so far in the Iran-Iraq war;

(b) whether any compensation has been paid to the next of kin by the respective Governments;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government of India made any effort to get compen.sation from the respective Governments; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHR K. 'NATWAR SINGH): (a) In Iran 28 Indian nationals have been killed while in Iraq the number of Indian nationals killed is 12. No cases of injured persons-requiring payment of compensation have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) In some cases compensation has been sanctioned or has been paid directly by the Company. In other cases where the next of kin has not received the compensation, the matter is being pursued by our Embassies with the concerned authorities.

fc) and (d) Details are mentioned in the enclosed statement.

Statement

The details of compensation paid ereas follows: *Iran*

In 1S83, Maria Anthony Chesty Prem Kumar Mathias, Engineer, Best Crompton Engineering, Tehran, died due to electric shock and was Paid compensation directly by the Company,

In July 1984, Gilbert D. Costa, Chief Cook and Brajesh Kesharwani, Third Engineer of Vessel 'M. V. Iran Ete-$_r$ ghad', an Irish Merchant ship died following missile attack on board the ship. Compensation for damages is expected to be paid by concerned shipping lines.

In September, 1984, G. Chakraboriy, Captain of Vessel M. V. Abdi of Irano Hind Shipping Ca. died consequent to. missile attack. Insurance < claim being settled by Irano-Hind Shipping Co., Tehran.

The Pension case of K. V. Anchan, , an Indian national, who died at Busher on 30-4-78 whilevworking for Busher Nuclear Power Plant, was followed up by the Embassy in 1984 and 1985.. The case is still under consideration of social insurance organization of Iran.

There are 15 pending pension cases of Indian Medical Personnel who died while on duty in Iran. Out of these the Embassy helped to settle 6 cases and the families of the deceased in India have already received their dues from Iranian Social Security Organization. For the remaining 9 cases, documentation is still in process Recently, the Iranian authorities bav« agreed that the Embassy could act as a representative of the dependem families in India and collect Ui« pension on their behalf. Accordingly the Embassy has asked the legal heir-to send letters of authority which hav« been received in five cases and- are being processed.

On 9th September, 1986 Mr. G. L Bind, Electrician in a Power Plant ir Tabriz, died on account of missih attack. Matter relating to dues anc death compensation has been taken uj with the concerned company.

Six Indian crew members and wife of Capt. of the Ship M/T Marun diec abroad th$_e$ ship following missile attack on 19th September, 1986. Com pensation for damages is expected tc be paid by concerned shipping lines The next of kin have been advisei accordingly.

Iraq

Death compensation in respect o 11 workers had been sanctioned bj Iraqi National Insurance Compan; and Social Security Department.

Details of compensation sanctioned are

Sl.No.	Name of person	Death compensation sanctioned by National Insurance Company	Social Security Depart-ment
		US DOLLARS	ID
1	Anant Waman Sapre	60,000	—
2	Yusuf Khan	30,000	—
3	Narsanna Idla Gangnna	30,000	60,000
4	Joan Gangaram Yallana	30,000	60,000
5	Shankarayya Rajanna Kota	30,000	56,860
6	Saibanna Sabanna Gavalli	30,000	—
7	Balu Gangaram Rajana	30,000	51,950
8	Poshanna Poshayya Buyya	30,000	—
9	Bai Gangaram	30,000	57,451
10	Kota Rusen Thakanna.,	30,000	50,953
11	Satari Rajarlbhumayya	30,000	53,000

it came to the notice of the Embassy that widows of two of the deceased workers have not so far received the compensation amount. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq was promptly requested by the Embassy to instruct the concerned organization to expedite ths matter. Follow up action is being taken by the Embassy.

In the case of Mr. Zafar Hassan Salim Zaidi, Engineer, an amount of Rupees six lakhs was sanctioned by National Insurance Company, Bombay, as death compensation to his family.

Eviction of Tribals in Assam

710. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribals in Assam are being evicted on mass scale from the forest lands;

(b) if so, whether this is being done under th$_e$ Assam Accord; and

(c) what steps are being taken to protect the interests of tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) Representations have been received from various quarters, particularly minorities and tribals in Assam complaining of eviction operations being undertaken by the State Gov-ernment of Assam. The State Gov-eminent have intimated that action to prevent encroachment of government lands in tribal belts and blocks is being enforced in accordance with the relevant clause of the Assam Accord and the unauthorised encroa-che'rs, irrespective Of their caste and community, are being evicted as per law in force. However, the State Government have been impressed upon to evolve remedies which may be fair, proper and just to all sections of the society, and to adopt a balanced and humane approach.

Magisterial inquiry into Tilak Nagar(Delhi) riots

711. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the magisterial inquiry ordered after the 26th July, 1986 riots in Tilak Najgan and neighbouring areas in Delhi has been completed;

(b) if so, what are its findings; and

(c) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken against those who are found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Magisterial inquiry report has, *inter-alia,* pointed out instances of failure on the part of the local police in effectively handling the situation, in the jurisdiction of Police Station Tilak Naga'r and Janakpuri.

(c) The Delhi Administration have fo^varded the Inquiry Report to the Commissioner of Police to pinpoint individual responsibility in the light of the findings of the report.

Grant °*t* pension to Hyderabad Mukti SangTam applicants

712. DR. BAPU KALDATS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cases of Swatantrata Sainik pensions are pending with the Department;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of Hyderabad Mukti Sangram Pension applicants cases pending finalisation; x and

(d) what steps have been taken to expedite their claims?